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SUBJECT Road Bridge Construction in the Schwedt Area

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1. In September 1954, there were six road bridges over the Oder River between Schwedt and Niederkräusen:
 - a. Schwedter Bridge
The bridge is being rebuilt. Underwater work on the three piers of the bridge is completed. The third pier will probably be completed by late November.
 - b. Oderflut Bridge (flood bridge)
The bridge was intact.
 - c. Mühlflut Bridge
The bridge is of the cantilever type. The steel superstructure is to be installed in the near future.
 - d. Ratzeburger Bridge
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 - e. Angermünder Bridge
The bridge was intact.
 - f. Strom Bridge
The superstructure of the bridge was destroyed but its piers are intact. The bridge is being rebuilt by the Poles.
2. All bridge construction work in Schwedt is to be completed by the fall of 1955. The Schwedter bridge is to be rebuilt as a concrete bridge with a width of 14 meters; the previous bridge was only 8 meters wide. The bridge is to have a load capacity of much more than 50 tons. A demolition chamber was, allegedly, installed in the first abutment of the bridge. The Tiefbau Firm in Brandenburg and the Sahlbau Firm in Leipzig have been ordered to furnish and assemble the superstructure.
3. Throughout December 1953, when the weather was clear, a Soviet aircraft of an obsolete type was observed flying at a low altitude over Schwedt and its vicinity. A top-level female employee of the municipal administration in Schwedt stated that the Soviets were making aerial photographs. A Soviet officer from Angermünde had also called her on the telephone and had made enquiries about the number of inhabitants in Schwedt. The same inquiries were allegedly made of the mayors of the surrounding localities.

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1.  ~~Comment.~~ The reconstruction of the so-called Schwedter Bridge is included in the 1954 road bridge construction program. Reconstruction work, which was started in 1953, is to be completed in 1955. The reconstruction of the six road bridges existing in Schwedt would serve military inquirements exclusively. The bridges are on Highway No 166.

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2.  ~~Comment.~~ It is believed that the aerial photographs were made by the Soviets for surveying purposes.

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